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LAURENS, S. C., Dec. 1, 1896.

"Dead Game Sports."
A newspaper falls of its mission if it is not a chronicle and record of the times. In the early days we had the Olympic games in Greece of which Jove in his nearby habitation on Olympus was the chief patron. All Greece was in the quadrennial contest, historians, orators, dramatists, and athletes contending for the victor's crown, usually a wreath of oak or laurel. In these civilized States the great contests are just closing with the charming Indian Summer days. The Kings and Queens of the turf have just had their great test of speed upon the fashionable courses and are laid up now for the winter. In North Carolina under the captaincy of young Prince Lorillard, son of the New York Tobacco King, the fancy setters and pointers of the nation during the last week were brought together by the "dead game sports" and their noses and heels put to the test. In old Kentucky the followers of the chase are assembled from all parts of the land and some half dozen cunning reynards are run down each day to test the speed of the silver-tongued hound. A few evenings since Gentry, the fastest harness horse in the world, was auctioned off at Madison Square Garden, New York, (where Bryan spoke) before three thousand knickerbockers at \$10,000, a half dozen bands discoursing riotous music. All the same, our pigs are fattening and December will bring us sausage.

The prospects of the Cuban patriots (so-called) are reported brightening. In this connection the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast fortifications are being brushed up. These facts, coupled with Consul General Lee's visit to the States, backs the suggestion that President Cleveland will recognize Cuban Independence on January 1st and thereupon Spain will instantly declare war against this Government. In the tussle the Spaniards would lose Cuba and we would fall heir in the long run to sugar and tobacco plantations of that "gem" of the Antilles. Sugar and tobacco fit in nicely. Every man of us Southern boys from the octogenarian to the fifteen year old lad will answer to the first tap of the drum and before you can say Jack Robertson, Sing Owens, George Moore, Quince Wilber, John R. Smith, Pink Blakeley, O. Thompson, Mase Langston, Tom Crews, Jim Traynham, Ben Lantford, Bob Fowler, Dr. Cox, Treasurer Mock, Capt. Gogans, Wade Anderson, Wade Henderson, Billy McClinton, Lafayette Teague, Thad Teague, Thomas McCoy, Bob Cunningham, Joe Shaw, the scribbler of this article, John W. Little, Aaron Wells and a hundred others will be full scholars on Uncle Samuel's Pension Rolls. So, just let them come, if you please. Mr. Cleveland, can feel mighty easy over the situation. The old boys and the lads are mighty easy in this latitude. We want the sugar, the tobacco and the pensions. The so-called "gem" we count as good as ours. Our good friends the plutocrats of the East we give notice now are not to be in it. Cuba is our meat.

No Kissing Glasses.
Rutzel (republican) is elected Governor of North Carolina over Watson (Dem.). "What the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina; 'It is time to take drinks.' Ellerbe can't stand this. Civilities are off for two years. Populism did it.

The Rev. Dr. S. J. Barrows, editor of the Christian Register, of Boston, who has been elected to Congress, speaks modern Greek, and at a recent meeting of Greeks in Boston spoke to them in their native tongue.—News and Courier.
It will be "Greek" to the South Carolina delegation and "don't you forget it."

A State Reporter interviewed Governor Ellerbe and as to his policy he says that, he will look to the development of the resources of the State and thereby reduce taxation; and look to uniting and bringing together the white people of the State. In these aspirations the good people of all factions will heartily second him.

Our "war dogs," Secretary Lamont and Gen. Miles, favor an increase of the standing army. This is absurd.—Every fellow who has a lion on his crop or a bank note maturing will rush to the front. Such a host hasn't mustered since Xerxes.

Charles F. Crisp, son of the late Speaker has been nominated to fill the unexpired term in Congress occasioned by his father's death. He is twenty-six years old. This is a graceful tribute to his father's memory.

Tom Watson of the Georgia Bar burnt his law books and went into politics. He has been burnt in politics and gone back to the law.

Gov-elect Ellerbe went last week to Augusta and it is suggested that, he might have stopped at Trenton, Senator Tillman's home.

The campaign is still very lively—in Colorado.

To Cure a Cold in one Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.
For sale by the Laurens Drug Com.

Specify.
The Yorkville Enquirer is a reliable newspaper on questions of fact and by what mischance the following paragraph crawled into its columns, we cannot explain:
"Our gold standard friends, who, some weeks ago, were promising a rise in the price of cotton in the event of the election of McKinley, are now hedging by asserting that if Bryan had been elected the price would have been lower. Just how this would have been, of course, we are unable to say; but confronted with the error of judgment as to the election of Mr. McKinley, we think we have a right to infer that our friends were equally wrong in their predictions as to what would have followed the election of Mr. Bryan."
What gold standard "friend" predicted a rise in the price of cotton? Answer!
The gold standard advocates distinctly did not predict that the election of McKinley would improve the price of agricultural products. They held that it would prevent a panic.
The price of cotton is only a very slight degree dependent on the course of politics anyhow.—Charleston Post.

When the people of the South have learned that the price of all products, agricultural and mechanical depend upon supply and demand, they will have made a large advance towards solving the problem of prosperity. We need other hundred industries to make a prosperous South. Fortunately for the cotton planter to-day there are hundreds of thousands colored laborers employed otherwise than in cotton fields. Mechanical contrivances are cheapening cotton. Educate your sons and they will not have to compete with the cheap labor employed by your neighbors.

Colonel Johnson said last night that if McKinley gave prosperity, he thought the free silver issue would be dead for 1900, but on the other hand, if the present hard times continues to exist, then Bryan four years hence would be the Democratic leader and sweep the country.—The State.
But the trouble lies right here, "Don't you know?" Our friends The State and Joe Johnson have demonstrated beyond peradventure that without free silver prosperity can't come. Debate is out of order.
It must be noted that irrefutable argument and logic cannot be overcome by facts, however they may be. Our friends if they don't watch, will find themselves in the case of the physician who proved that his patient couldn't die, although he had been decently buried and his heirs were enjoying his estate.

DANGEROUS
but not more so than the quickly advancing diseases caused by bad blood! More people die from failure to take simple, healthful precautions than from lawless people. The first sign may be a weak, tired feeling, lack of energy, dizziness or headache. DON'T neglect that sign! It's easier to prevent than cure. Get at once
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List of Letters
Remaining in the Post Office at Laurens, S. C., unclaimed, for the week ending Nov. 30, 1896.
A—Arnold, Miss Lindie; Abrams, J. R.
B—Balt, Miss Elizer; Blackstock, Charles; Bailey, James; Eylet, B.; Barnes, Miss Beulah.
C—Campbell, Mrs. Mill; Connor, Corley.
D—Dendy, Miss Carrie; Dendy, Miss Lillie.
E—Farrow, Eoline.
H—Hall, Henry; Hicks, O. G.
J—Johnson, Dave; Jackson, Miss Elton; James, Jernan; Johnson, J. V.
M—Martin, J. A.; Mills, Miss Alice; Maguire, A. W.
S—Simpson, Master Albert; Stramp, C. O.
T—Tuck, Miss Lila; Thompson, T. G.; Tompkins, Miss Carrie.
W—Whitley, S. M.; Watson, J. R.; Wilson, Elin; Walker, W. J.; Winn, John; Wilson, Miss Lizzie; Wilson, John; Washington, Miss Lizzie; Wheeler, D. C.
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOV. 23.
A—Anderson, E. E.
B—Ballard, D. S.; Brand, L. M.; Balentine, George.
D—Dillard, Miss Laura.
P—Parley, E. E.
G—Giles, Miss Geney; or Givnoys, Miss Genie; Garrett, S. M.; Goodman, M. E. Emmie.
H—Hunter, H. H.
K—Killingsworth, W.; Kennedy, J. S.; King, H.
L—Liggon, Jesse; Lynch, Tom.
M—Mosley, Miss Mamie; McClinton, McCoy, Miss Dora.
S—Smith, Robert.
T—Thompson, Miss Mollie.
W—Watson, J. L.; Williams, Ed.; Williams, John; Welling, Miss Corilla; Wilson, Calvin—2; Williams, Jane.
Persons calling for any of above letters will please say, "They are advertised."
T. B. Onawa, P. M.

J. R. MINTER & SON'S LOCALS.
Our stock of Hats and Caps has just been replenished and embraces some beautiful styles and best value.
J. R. Minter & Son.
Extending thanks to our many friends and customers for patronage, we now offer to the public a large and well-selected stock of clothing, shoes and hats. Many of them home directly from the factory, and can and will be sold as low as any goods of same quality in South Carolina.
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Real merit is bound to win. "It's made of pig iron" and made to cook—or we are badly fooled.—Sunny South Slave.
S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.
We are going to pay the freight.
See if you can find S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.'s advertisement in this paper. Do you consider \$14.88 a bargain?

Winning new laurels every day—Sunny South Slave Sold only by S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co. We pay the freight.
Watch it grow, S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.'s trade. Seven years ago it was an infant. To-day it is in young manhood. Continue to watch it grow and ask them the reason.

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38-inch Fancy Black French Crepon,	.90
45-inch Black French Henriettas,	.75
36-inch " " " "	.60
45-inch All-wool Black Clay Diagonal,	.50
50-inch Black Storm Serge,	.50
36-inch All-wool Black Serge,	.25
36-inch All-wool Black Flannel,	.25

IN COLORED FABRICS.
45-inch All-wool French Serge, .50
36-inch Henriettas, .20
A full line Knickerbocker and Boucle effects from 25 cents up at
W. G. Wilson & Co.
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MEN, who hold the purse strings, often deprive women of articles of inestimable value. The wife pleads with her husband for a Piano or an Organ, which is tenfold more essential than the cigar and other luxuries in which he indulges. The daughter asks father, or guardian, to buy an Instrument to enable her to cultivate that beautiful talent, music. Does any sane man not realize this a reasonable right to plead and ask for? Reflect a minute! Think of the means expended for instruction, and the many tedious hours employed in practice by wife and daughter, and of their glowing anticipations subsequently to be realized.
Now, father, husband, or guardian, are you going to blast all these bright anticipations by denying them of this merited right—simply the gift of a Piano or an Organ?
Give your wives and daughters their merited rights in the home, which is "Woman's Kingdom," then she will cease to clamor for political suffrage. Don't plead inability when such liberal terms and prices are available.
My prices are right, terms easy, and quality of Instruments unsurpassed.
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No. 739

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These Hats are Guaranteed, and we have the prettiest and most complete line ever shown in the South. Our prices are right, don't you forget. The above cut shows our 63 cents "Gents Tourist" on the latest block, up-to-date. Get our prices on Hats and we will sell you your Hats.
Just received some matchless Bargains in
Furniture, Stoves, Tin, Glass and Crockery Ware, Sewing Machines, Pictures.
Hats, Caps, Shoes and Clothing, Umbrellas, Big Job in Hosiery and Notions, Stationery, Watches, Jewelry, Trunks, Valises, Etc.
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